The European Social Observatory (OSE) and the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI) cordially invite you to a conference marking the publication of

Social Policy in the European Union: State of Play 2015

Brussels, 23 September 2015 - 2.30 - 5.30 pm
Event hosted by the Workers’ Group of the EESC

Venue: European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Jacques Delors Building, Room JDE 62, rue Belliard 99, 1040 Brussels

Programme

2.00 pm Registration

2.30 pm Welcome and introduction
    Georges Dassis, Candidate for the Presidency of the European Economic and Social Committee
    Bart Vanhercke, Director, European Social Observatory (OSE)
    Philippe Pochet, General Director, European Trade Union Institute

2.45 pm Social policy in the European Union: State of Play 2015
    David Natali, Researcher, OSE and Professor, University of Bologna-Forli

3.05 pm Changing the policies, politics, and processes of the Eurozone in crisis: will this time be different?
    Vivien Schmidt, Jean Monnet Professor of European Integration and Professor in the Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University

3.20 pm General debate

3.50 pm Coffee break

4.10 pm Austeritarianism in Europe: what options for resistance?
    Richard Hyman, Professor Emeritus, London School of Economics

4.25 pm Quo Vadis? A toolkit for reinvigorating the EU’s social dimension
    Gabriele Bischoff, future President of the Workers’ Group, European Economic and Social Committee
    Egbert Holthuis, Head of Unit Social Policies, Innovation & Governance, European Commission’s DG for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion
    Luca Visentini, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation

4.50 pm General debate

Interpretation will be provided (EN-FR)
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